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Appl. No. 09/449,215

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Samara et al.

Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR SECONDARY CAPTURE
OF 3D BASED IMAGES ON A
PICTURE ARCHIVAL AND
COMMUNICATIONS (PACS)
SYSTEM

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We, Yaseen Samara, Greg J. Angst and Jerome Knoplioch, state and declare that:

1. We are co-inventors of claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11-14, 17-23, and 26-32 of the above-referenced patent application.
2. Prior to August 30, 1999, we conceived in the United States the invention described and claimed in at least claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11-14, 17-23, and 26-32 of the above-referenced application.
3. Prior to August 30, 1999, we submitted an invention disclosure that evidences the conception of the invention claimed in the above-referenced application.
4. A copy of the invention disclosure is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

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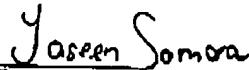
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EXHIBIT A

August 30, 1999

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**Re: New Patent Application for
Workstations
Our Docket No. 15-IS-5281**

**New Patent Application for
Workstations
Our Docket No. 15-IS-5282**

**New Patent Application for
Our Docket No. 15-IS-5288**

**New Patent Application for
Our Docket No. 15-IS-5289**

**New Patent Application for Secondary Capture of 3D-Based Images on a
PACS System
Our Docket No. 15-IS-5290**

**New Patent Application for
Workstation
Our Docket No. 15-IS-5292**

**New Patent Application for
Our Docket No. 15-IS-5293**

**New Patent Application for
Workstation
Our Docket No. 15-IS-5297**

Dear Jim:

Enclosed are copies of the above-referenced invention disclosures, for which patent applications need to be drafted. Please prepare applications for

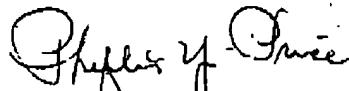
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each of the disclosures in accordance with our established fee arrangements and GEMS guidelines in the regular turnaround time of three months. Please contact the respective inventors directly for assistance as needed.

Also enclosed is an Administration Record sheet for each of the invention disclosures. Please complete items 1. a-b and 2. a of the Records and return them to us for our files within 10 days.

Thank you in advance for your help. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,



Phyllis Y. Price
Counsel - Intellectual Property

Enclosures

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Dave Kurzynski

EXHIBIT B

IIS-99-16

INVENTION DISCLOSURE

1. Disclosure ID (for completion by Legal Dept): 15-1S-5290
2. Title: SECONDARY CAPTURE OF 3D-BASED IMAGES ON A PACS SYSTEM
3. Brief description:
PACS workstation adapted to reconstruct and display 3D images can perform 3D analyses (e.g. MIP, MRP) and save the resulting image to the PACS storage
4. Creator(s): (Additional names may be included on an attached "Additional Creators Listing")

Total number of names listed: 4

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5. Project:

5.1 The invention is is not part of a current or future project/product.

5.2 Project/product name (by which you or your colleagues would recognize it):

Advantage workstation/PACS Integration

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5.3 The invention is is not part of or funded by a government project.

6. Significant Dates (provide approximate dates - "at least as early as" if unsure):

6.1 When and in what form was the invention first disclosed inside the company?

Discussions in early 1999

6.2. Has the invention been disclosed outside the company? If yes, to whom, when, and in what form?

No

6.3 Have any articles describing your invention been published? If yes, list author(s), title of article, publication and date.

No

6.4 Has any product using the invention been sold or offered for sale? If yes, to whom and on what date?

No

6.5 When will (or did) GE begin production of this invention?

Early 2000

7. Description/Disclosure (attach additional pages, sketches, specifications, etc., if available)

7.1 What is the general technological problem the invention is contemplated to overcome?

Conventionally, 3D image processing has been performed on stand-alone workstations, not connected directly to a PACS station. Consequently, any 3D renderings, analyses, and so forth, were stored only on a stand-alone workstation. The PACS system was not capable of receiving reprocessed 3D images, such as MIP, MRP, and similar renderings.

7.2 **Prior Art:**

7.2.1. Identify related invention disclosures, patents or other publications describing similar ideas, and other companies working in the same field. Attach copies, if available.

None known

7.2.2. What is the closest technology, of which you are aware?

Advantage workstation as a stand-alone 3D processing station, and separate PACS systems.

7.3 **Briefly describe the structure of the invention and how it works.**

PACS workstations will be equipped with 3D processing software to receive 2D images and to produce 3D renderings, perform 3D analyses, and so forth. (see IIS-99-13) The 3D analyses, such as MIP, MRP, and so forth, can be performed on the PACS workstation, with the resulting image data being captured and stored back to the PACS storage for ready access by other PACS stations.

7.4 **How is the invention different/better from prior solutions to this problem?**

The PACS system may serve as a very convenient vehicle for processing and transmitting 3D-type projections, analytical projections, and so forth, to various workstations, without requiring those workstations to be equipped for 3D processing and analyses.

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(2) Name: _____
Citizenship: _____
Social Security Number: _____
Company: _____
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Signature _____

Date: _____

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Additional Creators Listing (delete if not needed)

Full Name: Rahul Choudhury Signature _____
 Citizenship: _____ Date: _____
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EXHIBIT C

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b. Amount billed for the deliverable will not exceed the agreed upon cost YES NO* X

*If NO, please explain. The 2(a) amount only includes attorney fees.

3. Electronic format of the complete application, including drawings, has been provided to GE in the word processing program and version designated by GE: YES NO* .

*If NO, please explain.